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Austrian Bureau, FBIS

Dear Wlado:

It is a great source of pride to us that a man of your considerable talents has dedicated some 35 years of service to FBIS. You must be equally proud of the way in which Austrian Bureau has developed during this time, especially since 1973 when you became Chief Monitor. Although I've not had the privilege of meeting you in person, I have a sense of your character and capabilities via your excellent reputation.

Your contribution to the bureau's development cannot be overestimated. Your human qualities and deft personnel skills enabled you to foster good relations in the bureau and a smooth operation. The result was the formation of an elite team of monitors, high production, and a quality product. The record shows also that a long line of bureau chiefs have depended on your counsel on a full range of management issues, and many of our current FBIS senior managers have benefited from their personal association with you and from your professional advice and example. In short, you have played a unique role in FBIS. I appreciate your considerable contribution and congratulate you on such a distinguished career.

It is obvious here in Headquarters that you and Vera have established numerous close friendships in FBIS from your time at both the Mediterranean and Austrian bureaus. We all wish you a very happy retirement and the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Director

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